



NSTF - Wells Task Force

Attendees:

23rd November 2023

Doris Reiter, bp
Brenda Wyllie, North Sea Transition Authority
Tom Fuller, bp
Anastaisa Bird, bp
Chris Wark, CNRL
Ben Heidenreich, Harbour Energy
Keith Wise, OEUK
Christian Shields, Repsol
Keith Hogg, North Sea Transition Authority
Heather Woods, Net Zero Technology Centre

Apologies:

Karl Tolson, Harbour Energy
Ian Ferguson, Shell
Ian Sipin, Shell
Peter Wilson, Valaris
Alistair Bisset, North Sea Transition Authority
Marian Bruce, North Sea Transition Authority (Secretariat)

Introduction and Update

- Brenda opened the meeting by framing the session with objectives for 2024.
- As per the 2023 NSTA Wells Insight Report the development drilling is on a steady decline, would be good to understand the blockers for this. What can we do to keep wells more competitive. What are those blockers for changing wells from 'non-approved' to 'approved'.

Task Group Updates

Right Scoping

- **2024 plans:** host two workshops (themes to be confirmed from the NSTA Wells Insight Report). Publish good practice document from the November 2023 workshop.
- 2023 has been a busy year. Hosted two workshops and issued guidance on rig / unit selection for platform decommissioning. The next workshop in



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November 2023 will be on key elements of Southern North Sea (SNS) well delivery.

- **Action Point:** Keith Hogg to get a link published on the NSTA Wells Task Force website to the 'Good Practice Guide to Rig / Unit Selection for Platform Well Decommissioning' document hosted on the OEUK website.
- **Action Point:** invite someone from the improved partnerships group to the workshop on 28th November 2023.

Efficient Well Operations

- **2024 plans:** finalise agenda in Dec 2023 / Jan 2024, but will have a focus on micro KPIs and rig intake / rig sharing.
- A number of workgroup meetings have been held this year, however, not as much progress as would have hoped. Keen to be strategic and sustainable in approach.
- Continuing to target new membership.

Improving Partnerships

- **2024 plans:** gather data for ongoing rig collaboration, collate case studies, workshop on rig collaboration and support supply chain vessel collaboration.
- Could West of Shetland be the first focus area for collaboration.
- Currently gathering data from operators on data sharing and transparency to be able to match with rig availability.

Reservoir and Wells Optimisation

- **2024 plans:** host two workshops (themes to be confirmed from the NSTA Wells Insight Report: Shut-in well stock, well interventions, reservoir management). Publish good practice document on Down hole safety valves (DHSV) / Storm Chokes.
- Good workshop session was held in November 2023 on Well Intervention Insights & Special Topic on Storm Choke and Subsurface Safety Valves.
- Brenda thanked Christian Shields for taking on role as the chair of this workgroup.

Decommissioning

- **2024 plans:** focus on skills shortage, operator plans visibility, use of non-rig methods (e.g., Hydraulic workover unit (HWU) and modular rigs), and stable decom plans.
- Held an informative meeting in November 2023 on the cost benchmarking.
- The decom group sits across multiple workgroups, so would be good to integrate this into other groups.



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AOB

- Doris requested that for all workshops or good practice guidelines issued would be good to measure the success of these e.g., can we measure the impact of companies implementing the good practice guidelines?
- Reviewed the wells task force strategic objectives, which can be updated with 2022 data. Non-productive time has increased, would be good to understand the reasoning behind this.
- Continue to communicate the great work and outputs from each of the workgroups via LinkedIn posts, conferences, newsletters etc.
- NSTA will be collecting emissions related to drilling at the point of considered a Production and Development Consent (FDP Approval stage). These emissions are generally captured within the Environmental Statement, so should not be an impactful increase in Operators work.